

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Customer No. **2 1 8 3 9**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a [X] continuation [] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending Application No. 09/403,609 filed on March 3, 2000, for DNA PROBES, METHOD AND KIT FOR IDENTIFYING ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT STRAINS OF BACTERIA, by the following named inventor(s):

3108 U.S. PTO
10/678650
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(a) Full Name Regine Hakenbeck
(b) Full Name _____
(c) Full Name _____

- [] Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- [X] The entire disclosure of Application No. 09/403,609, filed on March 3, 2000, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- [] This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

(a) Full Name _____
(b) Full Name _____
(c) Full Name _____

- [] This application is being filed by more than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(5), a new oath or declaration is enclosed, and the Commissioner is requested to add the name(s) of the following person or persons who are inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

(a) Full Name _____
(b) Full Name _____
(c) Full Name _____

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- [X] Applicant(s) suggests Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and/or patent.
- [X] Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: MAX-PLANCK-GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FORDERUNG DER WISSENSCHAFTEN E.V.
1. [] Enclosed is a copy of the prior Application No. as originally filed on , including copies of the specification, claims, drawings and the executed oath or declaration as filed.
 2. [X] Enclosed is a revised prior application. No new matter has been added to the revised application.
 3. [] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
 4. [] The filing fee is calculated below [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$750.00 (1001)
Total Claims	17	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	× \$84.00 (1201) =	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Application Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$ <u> </u> if Assignment document is enclosed					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					

5. [X] This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
6. [] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
7. [] A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
8. [] The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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9. [] Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

10. [] New drawings are enclosed.

11. [X] Priority of Application No. 197 17 346.2 filed on April 24, 1997 in Germany (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

[X] The certified copy of the priority application

[] is enclosed.

[X] was received by the International Bureau in connection with International Application No. PCT/DE98/01134, filed on April 22, 1998, of which parent Application No. 09/403,609, filed on March 3, 2000, is the U.S. national phase. Receipt of the certified copied has been acknowledged by the Examiner on June 14, 2001 in Paper No. 17.

[] has not yet been filed.

12. [] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

13. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

14. [] A General Authorization for Payment of Fees and Petitions for Extensions of Time is enclosed.

15. [X] Also enclosed: paper copy of the Sequence Listing, and a Request to Use Computer Readable Form From Parent Application Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.82(e).

16. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Teresa Stanek Rea.

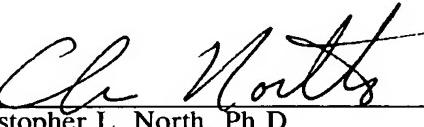
- a. [X] The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. [] Recognize as Associate Attorney _____.

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- d. Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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